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REMARKS

The Office Action has been carefully reviewed. No claim is allowed. Claims 26 and 27 presently appear in this application and define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully solicited.

Claims 26 and 27 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 4 of US Patent 6,476,197. This rejection is obviated by the terminal disclaimer attached hereto.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, the claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance are earnestly urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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